

May Newsletter

Butler Middle School

Dates to REMEMBER

May 5th ~ Site Council 6-7pm

May 6th ~ PTO 6-7pm

May 12th ~ Early Release @12:50 pm

May 31st ~ NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY



May 3rd - May 7th we will celebrate our teachers with little surprises every morning

MCAS TESTING SCHEDULE



LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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May 5, 2021

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

I am writing to share information with you about the spring 2021 MCAS testing schedule for your child and inform you of students' responsibilities during MCAS testing. All students, remote and in-person will be tested in May - June. Most testing will be administered on testing days starting at 8:30 - 11:30am. Please see the schedule below.

MCAS Testing Schedule:

Table with 3 columns: Date, MCAS Test, Grade(s) Testing. Rows include dates from May 13th to June 1st and corresponding tests like ELA, Math, and Science.

We ask for your support in encouraging your child to give their best effort on the tests. Please also support them by making sure she/he gets a good night sleep before testing days, attends school every day, and is on time, and is not dismissed for any reason during testing periods. Students that are absent or late on their testing day, will be scheduled for a make-up at a later date.

MCAS tests are required by state and federal law and are an important tool to promote student success and educational equity. In addition, MCAS test results will:

- give information about areas of learning that have been most impacted by the pandemic,
• provide important data on which students, schools, and districts have been most affected by pandemic-related changes in schooling, and
• improve understanding of your child's knowledge and skills in relation to the state's learning standards, so that we can provide the best system of support and instruction in future years.

In order to maintain the validity of the test, we ask you to read the student responsibility statements with your child about their responsibilities during MCAS testing, and for your child to sign an acknowledgement indicating that they understand these responsibilities. Students will receive copies during remote or in-school classes. We recommend that you discuss the statements with your child along with the school's handbook and related policies.

If you have any questions about MCAS testing, accommodations, or health and safety protocols, please contact me at 978 937-8973. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Teresa Soares-Pena, Principal

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